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REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ESTATE

The Court Holds Their Contract is Champertous.

AN OLD TIME CLAIM

The action of Chief Justice Bingham, Tuesday last, in directing a verdict for the defendant in the case of J. J. Johnson vs. Kate Van Wyck, reported in The Star at the time, is generally regarded as finally concluding those suits at law arising under what is known as "the Bledget claim," although the decision of Chief Justice Bingof a tract of over 400 acres of lan1 within this city, called "Jamaica," lying north of what is now Rhode Island avenue and extending from what is now Connecticut avenue easterly to and embracing part of what is now known as "Le Droit Park." This tract was owned at the time of the laying out of this city by Samuel Blodget, sometimes called Samuel Blodget, jr. January 28, 1794, he conveyed to Thomas Johnson and Thomas Peter, in joint tenancy, in trust, to secure the payment of prizes in a lottery scheme gotten up and managed by him, the "lands, tenements, real estate and property of said Blodget in the territory of Columbia." The capital prize in the lottery was drawn by one Robert S. Bickley, and Blodget failing to pay it, Bickley sued him in Pennsylvania, and recovered a

the District against Blodget and all others interested for a foreclosure and sale under the trust to Johnson and Peter.

judgment for \$26,635.13, and then filed a

bill in equity in the late Circuit Court of

Blodget's Property Sold. Bickley was successful, and, under the were finally ratified, June, 1806. In 1807, 1813 and 1825 more of Blodget's property was conveyed to Bickley, and, without reciting in detail the various conveyances by Bickley to the subsequent possessors of in its ruling.

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"I cannot look at the circumstances that the real estate coming to him from Biodget, it can be said that those whose legal abili-ties make them competent to speak hold that there can be no doubt that the title to all of it comes regularly down by deeds duly executed and recorded from Bickley to

the present owners and occupants.
June 27, 1872, however, more than sixty years after Blodget's title was extinguished. during which period the purchasers re-mained in undisturbed possession, an agreement was recorded between John A. Brit-ton et al., calling themselves "children, grandchildren and heirs of Samuel Blodget, deceased," and Lorin Blodget, by which it was agreed that the parties of the first part appoint the second party (Lorin Blodget) their agent and attorney in the matter of the said estate and claims of Samuel Blodget, and empower him to sue for and re-cover such estates and claims, and to make conveyances and accept releases as in his judgment may seem best, and that of all the property and moneys received the said Lorin Biodget is to have one-half, and the balance distributed.

A Further Agreement. March 23, 1882, Lorin Blodget made an agreement with one Wm. F. Boogher, whereby Boogher agreed to assist Lorin Blodget in the work of searching titles, recovering the property and similar work, Boogher to receive in payment one-fourth of sums recovered. They also agreed that certificates of share interests in said estate should be to be deposited with some trust company as security to them and to the heirs of Samuel Blodget. The Union Trust Company of Philadelphia was made the depository. Numerous conveyances by those claiming under Samuel Blodget followed, conveying to Lorin Blodget, Boogher and other parties interest in the original Blodget estate, and Mr. J. J. Johnson, an attorney of this city, became a trustee under a deed of trust dated January 10, 1888, to proceed to the recovery of the disputed real estate, and distribute the proceeds under the agreethe heirs of Samuel Blodget, and 240 shares in the estate were issued and sold to provide the necessary funds for prosecuting the cases against the present owners.
Mr. Johnson thereupon instituted a suit at

preme Court, it is said, before either side will give up the contest. The Chief Justice's Decision.

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today and on former occasions, when this question of champerty has been discussed with is to indorse the bonds.

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When the deed? It does not seem to me to be so. When the is to indorse the bonds.

Four Nominated for Positions in deed developes a scheme for the prosecution of suits or for the action of agents constitutions.

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tance of the question in a case like this. only is the original contract champertous, erty for them, and where that is the main decreed sale, George Budd and Henry Pratt I am fully impressed with the importance purchased as agents for him, and the sales of endeavoring to properly decide and rightly decide the question here in this court, notwithstanding each party may, as he has the right to do, take the case further for by which the parties who will have the spethe purpose of correcting any error that clific pecuniary interest in the success of they may believe this court has committed this scheme of recovering the title of this

have been developed by the proofs which have been offered here in support of this deed, and which are furnished by the deed itself, and avoid coming to the conclusion that they all do amount to a champertous appropriate that they all do amount to a champertous that they are some that they are some that they are the second that the second that they are the second that that they all do amount to a counsel claims, that no such thing was intended; that the matter did not occur to the parties or to the counsel engaged by them at the time of the execution of these several contracts and instruments of writing. But it does seem to me that if there be such a thing as champerty recognized in this jurisdiction, the application of the principles underlying that doctrine of champerty to the facts in the application of champerty to the facts in that doctrine of champerty to the facts in this case could very well result in no other conclusion than that the deed is champertous, in that there was an arrangement tous, in that there was an arrangement made between the parties who claimed to the deed itself. be the owners of this land, with third par-ties, by which the third parties were to take the one-half of all the proceeds that might result from the efforts which they, or persons that they might employ, in connection with this property, paying over the other half to the heirs, less any costs or expenses which may have accrued or resulted

from the efforts of the third parties." Against Public Policy. "Not only has this been done, but an arrangement was made-whether called champertous, or whatever it may be calledwhich was at any rate one that should not be regarded by any means as harmless, and one which it does seem to me is against executed and suit had been brought by part of individuals and to taking chances as to the result of litigation or of efforts on the part of persons in some form or other to obtain money in possession at the time of the arrangements, and issuing these bonds to the amount of \$240,000, I believe, which are to be sold for whatever can be realized for them. This deed, which is presented, seems to be the culmination of all these previous arrangements. It fixes a practical mode by which those arrangements are to be carried out, fixes a trustee ment between Lorin Blodget, Boogher and to whom the legal title is sought to be the heirs of Samuel Blodget, and 240 shares transferred in the deed, who is to go forlaw against Kate Van Wyck, who is the present owner of a parcel in the original Blodget tract, and the case was reached in so recovered into money, and that money tice Bingham sustained the contention of the defendant and directed the jury to return a verdict in her favor, which was accordingly done. The particular parcel owned by the defendant was admitted to be valued at \$30,000, and hence the case will be carried to the United States Subaid of course out of the particular particular provided for by any named compensation for his services, must be presumed to be "But is that this case? Can was a "But is not affected by the arrangements that the plaintiff may have made with his attorney. Advantage of that can only be taken by the plaintiff may have made with his attorney. Advantage of that can only be taken by the plaintiff may have made with his attorney. Advantage of that can only be taken by the plaintiff may have made with his attorney. Advantage of that can only be taken by the plaintiff may have made with his attorney. Advantage of that can only be taken by the plaintiff may have made with his attorney. Advantage of that can only be taken by the plaintiff may have made with his attorney. Advantage of that can only be taken by the plaintiff may have made with his attorney. Advantage of that can only be taken by the plaintiff may have made with his not affected by the arrangements that the plaintiff may have made with his attorney. Advantage of that can only be taken by the plaintiff may have made with his attorney.

is reserved in the Blodget contract, at

least, if this contract is held to be a legal one, for whatever his services may reason-

not only is the arrangement by which bonds are to be realized champertous, and this scheme of recovering the title of this property or recovering money in lieu of the title—not only does all that exist, but it is already embodied in and connected with the instrument which seeks to convey the title.
Mr. Armstrong, for the plaintiff—It is dat-

ed in 1884. The court—Long before that deed was made this deed is made to the present trustee, simply because of some necessity growing out of the condition, I believe, of the former trustees. But the mere lapse of time between the execution of the contract in 1873 and the execution of the deed which now offered in evidence I suppose will

"The only question that has been one of much difficulty, in my mind, is to determine whether, under such circumstances, notwithstanding the fact that the contract is champertous, that it is a scheme of speculation connected with the arrange-ment and really embodied in the deedwhether, notwithstanding that, it could be claimed that, inasmuch as this suit is simply to recover the title, and inasmuch as the defendant cannot be said to be connected with these contracts or to be af-fected in his connection in any way by them—that is to say, if he had a good de-fense before the execution of these deeds,or would have one if the deed had not been public policy, leading to speculation on the heirs, he still has that defense, and that it is no matter of his that th seen proper to make an arrangement satisfactory to themselves as to the proceeds of this property or of the money that may be recovered by the carrying out of this

A Well-Recognized Rule.

"The rule, I think, is pretty well established; I think it seems to be recognized by the text writers, and I judge that the greater number of decisions in this country have been to the effect that, where a party makes an arrangement with his attorney ward and act for all the parties in the way of collecting money, recovering title or recovering money in the place of it, invested with full discretion in that respect, and with full power to convey at will. After rebound to regard it as champertous, yet present owner of a parcel in the original Blodget tract, and the case was reached in Circuit Court No. 2, before Chief Justice Bingham, on the 19th instant. Several days were occupied in presenting documentary of the present owner of a parcel in the original covering the title he is to convert that title they will not permit a defendant, when the plaintiff brings an action to recover, to interpose as a defense that a champertous any form whatsoever is, according to the deed, to be deposited by him with the plaintiff and his attorney. I think the readays were occupied in presenting documentary evidence, setting out the claims of the plaintiff, and on three different occasions the question of champerty was raised by made in this contract between the heirs and Mr. Blodget in 1873. Thereupon, of Monday last, when the defendant again presented the question of champerty. The matter was argued at great length and the contract made, by which these shares were ever it may be, and the right of the matter was argued at great length and the contract made, by which these shares were ever it may be, and the right of the matter was argued at great length and the court, and the defendant. The action is upon the obligation of the defendant. contract made, by which these shares were created and these bonds were issued, the holders of these bonds are to receive what- is not affected by the arrangements that

agreement against him.

"But is that this case? Can we separate, and can we shut our eyes to everything in this deed except the simple portion which operates to convey the title of the heirs of Samuel Blodget to the plaintiff? Can we ex-The chief Justice Bingham is ably be worth. It is not to be presumed that he is rendering his services or expected to render his services gratuitously. He, too,
"I have listened very attentively, both"

ably be worth. It is not to be presumed that he is rendering his services or expected to render his services gratuitously. He, too, conveyance of the property from these heirs to the plaintiff, and that there is no reason

Safe and sure, Dr. But

object, and where various things are agreed upon to be done by various parties, all shown by the deed itself, and where that conveyance of title to the plaintiff, who has to bring the actions of law, or is to do other things that may be necessary to be done to obtain money, or which may result in obtaining money, for the height substitute that the score or more were chosen to fill positions. taining money for the heirs-where that seems to be simply but one of the features

on the part of the parties who have

"It is urged that we ought not to hold this deed to be illegal, because the right of the heirs to bring actions will not be taken away, and the parties who hold the real estate here in this city, which is conveyed

my convictions.

"It appears to me that this deed is one which does not convey title; that it is so tainted with the vice of champetry, so against public policy by reason of the speculative scheme which is embodied within the deed itself, and embraced within it, that it would be against public policy, and I think it is my duty to so declare and to hold, that the deed is, in my judgment, void for that reason, and therefore not proper to be introduced in evidence."

suffrage, and especially have the democrats discouraged the women who have been selzed with a desire to hold office.

The Kansas City democrats say they are not in favor of women holding office, but that they desire to make a practical test for the purpose of ascertaining just how the people stand on the question. They say the male voters of the state will have to decide in November whether they want women to vote and hold office or not and that this campaign for the April election will serve as an object lesson. As not the slightest objection.

COXEY REJOINS HIS ARMY. The Commonweal Encamps in a Foundry at Columbiana.

Coxey has rejoined his cohorts, the army Coxey has rejoined his cohorts, the army is among populists and the commonweal is enjoying a big boom. Coxey was waiting part of the city. She is an educated, pracenjoying a big boom. Coxey was waiting at Columbiana, Ohio, and was received with in three cheers.

The farmers at Alliance provided three wagon loads of provisions and two of wood.

Beef, hams, coffee and one thousand loans.

Mrs. Scarff is the wife of a locomotive engineer. She is thirty-two years old and prominent in church and Sunday school Beef, hams, coffee and one thousand loaves of bread will furnish the commonweal with provisions for three days at least. At Leetonia three coopers joined the ranks, and in a speech Carl Browne said he was being misrepresented by form a result of the complete the coopers in the speech care in the coopers in the speech care in the coopers in t misrepresented by forty argus-eyed demons of hell, who followed him around. He meant the reporters, and has given orders to keep prominent workers in the Women's Christians. Holsinger, a prominent citizen and capitalist. Mrs. Brush is a widow and a very intelligent woman. They are both prominent workers in the Women's Christians. newspaper men out of camp.

At Columbiana Marshal Smith told the men there were to be no more begging expeditions through the towns at night. Three hundred people welcomed the crowd of 108 soldlers to Columbiana, and the citizens provided Johnson's founders are provided Johnson's foundry as a camp. Straw beds were provided. When camp was being put in order, Thomas Holloway, a farmer, aged seventy, who was in town to

Thirty-six recruits—farmers, mechanics and potters from East Liverpool—joined the ranks. Columbiana has a Coxey Club of fifty-three members, of which John Harold is chairman. After seeing the army Harold said that while he sympathized with Coxey's principles, he could not countenance such an array of tramps to force legislation. Coxey says success is assured, but refused to speak of his financial troubles. The march today will be to Camp Gompers, at East Palestine. The four men arrested yesterday at Salem were discharged, there being no

TOPEKA, Kan., March 28, 1894. score or more were chosen to fill positions seems to be simply but one of the features of the instrument of writing which is offered as a feed showing title in the plaintiff, it seems to be an incident, rather than the purpose, of the execution of the instrument of writing which is offered as a feed showing title in the plaintiff, it seems to be an incident, rather than the interest seemed to wane, and during the past three years the women have been contented with places on the school boards, which they have invariably filled. in the council of the various municipalities. boards, which they have invariably filled

with credit. This year new interest has been aroused in Wyandotte county, where four women have been nominated for positions—two for members of the school board of Kansas estate here in this city, which is conveyed or attempted to be conveyed by this instrument, will still be subject to other suits. That may be. But I am bound, sitting here in my judicial capacity, to follow my convictions.

for the purpose of ascertaining just how the people stand on the question. They say the male voters of the state will have to decide in November whether they want women to vote and hold office or not and that this campaign for the April election will serve as an object lesson. As not the slightest objection can be made against the two women nominated, party prejudice and opposition to woman suffrage, the leaders assert, could only cause their defeat. The two democratic nominees are Mrs. Sarah Frame democratic nominees are Mrs. Sarah Frame and Mrs. Emma Scarff. Mrs. Frame is in her sixty-ninth year. She has been a widow tical business woman and is more interested in schooling her grandchildren than she is in voting and holding office.

Erie's Home Won First Prize. The trustees of the Erie Soldiers' and Sailors' Home held a meeting at Harrisburg, Pa., yesterday afternoon to consider business relating to the management of the home. The report of Maj. W. W. Tyson, commander of the home, showed that there is now a population of 400 and that the home is in a most excellent condition. The board has been notified that the institution was awarded the first prize by the world's fair commission for the best evidence of comfort for the members of the home and best methods and completeness of statistical information in reference thereto

Walter Costello, fourteen years old, fell five stories down an elevator shaft at Bal-timore Wednesday and was only slightly in-